

# UNITED STATES STAND UNALTERED

## STAGE IS SET FOR WEDDING OF PRESIDENT

Work of Decorators and  
Florists Is Completed—  
Guests Arriving.

EXACT TIME UNKNOWN

Hour for Ceremony Is Not  
Made Public—Grand-  
daughter Christened

Washington, Dec. 18.—Everything  
was ready today for the wedding  
of President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling  
Wilson. The ceremony will be performed to-  
night, were completed.

Members of the president's family  
attended at noon the christening of  
Ellen Wilson McAdoo, daughter of  
Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo. She is  
the president's only granddaughter.  
The christening was in the Blue room  
of the White house. The president  
was assisted by Mrs. Francis B.  
Sayre, the lady's aunt, and Miss Helen  
Woodrow Wilson, cousin of the presi-  
dent, were godmothers. The Rev. Rol-  
and Cotton Smith, rector of St. John's  
Protestant Episcopal church here,  
christened the baby, who was born  
last May. The president's other grand-  
child, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre,  
was christened at Williamstown,  
Mass. The president acted as his god-  
father, too.

**Gifts Pouring In.**  
The president paid an early morning  
call today on Mrs. Galt. After a brief  
visit the president went to his bank  
where he spent half an hour looking  
through his safe deposit box and go-  
ing over some accounts. One room at  
Mrs. Galt's home has been reserved  
for wedding presents. Many gifts  
have been received from strangers in  
spite of the efforts of the president  
and Mrs. Galt to discourage the giving  
of presents from those outside of the  
circle of friends and relatives. Gifts  
continued to arrive at the White house  
today. One was a small bale of cot-  
ton sent by a Texas admirer of the  
president.

**Convicts Are Pardoned.**  
The president celebrated his wed-  
ding day by extending executive clem-  
ency to several convicts. He gave a  
full pardon to Charles Conture, con-  
victed at Missoula, Mont., for selling  
liquor to Indians. He commuted the  
sentences of D. L. Dillingham, con-  
victed in Georgia for operating an  
illicit distillery, and William H. Hood,  
under conviction of robbery in Ala-  
bama.

**Appointments Made.**  
The president also made several ap-  
pointments. He signed an executive  
order permitting the appointment of  
Mrs. Virginia Campbell, a grand niece  
of Thomas Jefferson, to a federal po-  
sition without civil service examina-  
tion; reappointed William H. Shelys,  
who had been removed as an examiner  
in the New York customs house on  
what the president considered insuffi-  
cient evidence, and ordered the ap-  
pointment of Harriet M. Sweet to a job  
in the treasury without examination,  
because of her services in connection  
with the recent Pan-American finan-  
cial congress.

## AUSTRIANS TAKE 13,500 PRISONERS

Berlin, Dec. 18 (by wireless to Say-  
ville).—The Teutonic invasion of  
Montenegro has resulted in clearing  
a considerable part of the eastern  
section of the country. The war office  
announced today that the territory  
northwest of the Tara river, southward  
from Mojkovac, about 25 miles from  
the Serbian border, has been occu-  
pied.

In the fighting which resulted in the  
capture of Bjelopoltje 1,950 prisoners  
were taken, among them a small num-  
ber of Montenegrins. In the last five  
days Austro-Hungarian troops have  
taken 13,500 prisoners.

## YOUTH IS PINNED UNDER AUTO; DEAD

Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 18.—Forest H.  
Hardin, 111 Alta Vista Place, Water-  
loo, was killed this afternoon near  
Low Moor, when his automobile turned  
turtle, pinning him under it. He was  
alone in the machine enroute to Clin-  
ton.

## BRIDE AND GROOM; MINISTER WHO PERFORMS THE CEREMONY



Mrs. Norman Galt, President Wilson,  
Rev. Herbert Knox Smith.

## CHICAGO MAYOR DECLARES CITY CROOKS' HARBOR

Thompson to Start Shake-Down in  
Police Force—To Dislodge  
Evil-Doers.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Roused by a re-  
cent wave of crime, which has resulted  
in numerous robberies, holdups night-  
ly and in murders, Mayor William  
Hale Thompson today charged the Chi-  
cago police department with shielding  
criminals, grafting and contributing to  
crime.

"The police department is honey-  
combed with grafters," the mayor said.  
"Holdup men, murderers, pickpockets  
and thieves of all description known to  
the police are walking the streets  
every day and are not arrested."

"This is a terrible thing to say, but  
I would not be surprised to learn that  
in the department are men who have  
planned murder."

Mayor Thompson said he would im-  
mediately start a wholesale cleaning  
up of the police department and rid it  
of crooks even though it costs him his  
life.

Nicholas Hunt, a former inspector of  
police, who, for the last few years has  
been at the head of a private detec-  
tive agency, will be installed as  
head of the detective bureau of the  
police department, according to re-  
liable information, succeeding Cap-  
tain John Halpin, who last week was  
convicted of grafting in offering pro-  
tection to swindlers.

Mayor Thompson said he had no in-  
tention of removing Chief of Police  
Charles C. Healey.

"Chief Healey has been making an  
honest effort to make the entire force  
honest," the mayor said, "and I will  
back him up."

## VILLA MOVES TO UNITED STATES

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 18.—The house-  
hold goods of General Villa and his  
brother, Hipolito, financial agent of  
the Villa government at Juarez, were  
brought across the border here to-  
day. The officers' quarters in Juarez  
were reported dismantled.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.

Probably light snow tonight. Sunday  
generally fair. Continued cold, with  
the lowest temperature tonight about  
15 degrees.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 12. Highest  
yesterday 28, lowest last night 11.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles  
per hour.

Precipitation none.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 92, at 7  
a. m. 92, at 1 p. m. today 75.

Stage of water 3.7, a fall of 2 in last  
24 hours.  
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## FOUR CLASSES OF RECRUITS CALLED BY PROCLAMATION

London, Dec. 18, (11:50 a. m.).—  
Four classes of recruits who enlisted  
under the early of Derby's plan were  
called out today by royal proclama-  
tion.

The appearance of placards top-  
ped with the royal arms caused a stir  
in the streets. The public infers that  
the Derby enlistment plan has been a  
success, and that conscription at least  
is postponed. If it should develop  
that any large percentage of unmar-  
ried eligibles failed to enlist it is ex-  
pected they would be subjected to con-  
scription, as foreshadowed by Premier  
Asquith, before any calls are made  
for married men who volunteered un-  
der the Derby plan.

It is inferred the government in-  
tends to consider the first class, con-  
sisting of 18-year-old boys, as corre-  
sponding to the class of 1917 in con-  
tinental countries, and will defer in-  
definitely putting them in training.

## FRENCH DESTROY GERMAN AIRCRAFT

Paris, Dec. 18, (2:35 p. m.).—The fol-  
lowing statement was given out this  
afternoon at the war office:

"Two German hydro-aeroplanes  
from the air station at Zebrugge, fly-  
ing over the sea close to the water,  
were fired on by a torpedo boat 10  
miles north of Newport. One of these  
dying machines fell into the sea and  
the two officers on board were made  
prisoners."

"A French cruiser bombarded and  
entirely destroyed the German manu-  
factory at Calffa (on the Syrian  
coast.)"

## CONGRESS ASKED TO PURCHASE SUIT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Con-  
gress has been asked to appropriate  
\$7,500 to purchase the suit of clothes  
Abraham Lincoln wore the night of  
his assassination at Ford's theatre, in  
1865. Representative Roberts of Mas-  
sachusetts has introduced a bill to ac-  
quire the relics, owned by a Washing-  
ton business man, for the Lincoln me-  
morial.

## Strike Danger Past.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—All danger of a  
speedy strike of switchmen on the  
roads entering Chicago was believed  
to have passed today with the an-  
nouncement that the conference com-  
mittee of the Railroad Managers' As-  
sociation and representatives of the  
switchmen had established a basis of  
settlement of the disputes.

**Confidence Resolution Adopted.**  
Rome, Dec. 17 (6:15 p. m.).—A res-  
olution of confidence in the ministry  
was adopted unanimously by the sen-  
ate today, 221 senators voting.

## SHIP NEARLY WIDE AS THE CANAL LOCKS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Battle-  
ships of the California class, the big-  
gest yet designed by the navy depart-  
ment, will have a clearance of six  
feet, six inches on either side on pass-  
ing through the Panama Canal locks  
according to the current issue of the  
Canal Record. The ships will have a  
beam of 97 feet and the locks are 110  
feet wide. The battleship Ohio, with  
a beam of 72 feet, is the widest vessel  
to have passed through the locks.

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## FRANCE ADOPTS OPEN BUSINESS

Paris, Dec. 17, (8:10 p. m.) (delayed).—  
The creation of a special parliamen-  
tary commission of 44 members to  
which the lists and files of all govern-  
ment and army contracts, past, present  
and future with the amounts in-  
volved, must be submitted, is provided  
for in a resolution adopted by the  
chamber of deputies today.

Urbana, Dec. 18.—An entirely new  
method of producing pure iron has  
been discovered by Dr. Trygve Yensen,  
an assistant in the engineering  
experiment station of the University  
of Illinois. In recognition of the  
importance of the discovery, the  
university trustees promoted Dr. Yensen  
to the position of research assist-  
ant, and voted him a large increase in  
salary.

## EXECUTIVE PEACE COUNCIL OPENED

Berne, (via Paris, Dec. 17, 9:30 p.  
m.).—After many vicissitudes in get-  
ting across the frontier enough dele-  
gates to the international congress to  
study the basis of a durable peace ar-  
rived today to permit of a meeting of  
the executive council. Seven nations  
were said to be represented, but the  
names of the delegates and the coun-  
tries they represent are being with-  
held for the present owing to the em-  
barrassments and dangers resulting  
from participation in peace meetings.

## CALLS LOCKUPS DIRTY DUNGEONS

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 18.—Miss Anna  
Hinrichsen, inspector of institutions  
for the state charities commission,  
concluded her work of inspecting jails,  
almshouses and county charities today  
and is preparing her report for the  
state printer. In her statement Miss  
Hinrichsen will say that four-fifths of  
the county jails in Illinois are little  
better than filthy dungeons and that  
Chicago police lockups are the worst  
in the state.

## FRAME NOTE FOR REPLY IN ANCONA CASE

Tenor of Message to Aus-  
trian Government Takes  
Form of Ultimatum.

ALTERNATIVE IS CITED

Mentions Measures That  
Will Be Resorted to if De-  
mands Not Granted.

Washington, Dec. 18.—President  
Wilson began work today on the sec-  
ond note to Austria on the sinking of  
the Ancona.

Friendly relations between the United  
States and Austria, it was stated  
authoritatively, are nearing the break-  
ing point and their continuance will  
depend entirely on the reply Austria  
will be asked to make immediately to  
the note being framed.

## Word Ultimatum Avoided.

While the word ultimatum was not  
used by officials in discussing the note,  
it was indicated that the reply will  
state clearly the alternative which will  
follow if Austria's reply is unsatisfac-  
tory.

The gravity of the situation will not,  
however, cause President Wilson to  
postpone his departure tonight for the  
south on his wedding tour.

## Wilson Drafts Note.

Secretary Lansing sent to the White  
house early in the day a memorandum  
outlining his views as to what the sec-  
ond American note should contain. The  
president immediately began work on  
drafting the note and will confer with  
Secretary Lansing later. The note will  
go to Vienna within the next few days.

## Gravity Is Unavoided.

Close study of Austria's reply to  
the American demands that there  
should be a disavowal of the act of  
the submarine commander in sinking  
the Ancona, his punishment, repara-  
tion for American lives lost, and as-  
surance that the incident would not be  
repeated did not reduce the gravity  
with which officials viewed the situa-  
tion.

President Wilson while on his wed-  
ding trip will keep in constant touch  
with the White house, and, if neces-  
sary, Secretary Lansing will go to see  
him to discuss the situation.

## HITS ON NEW WAY OF MAKING IRON

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## TEN KILLED WHEN STREETCARGOES THROUGH BRIDGE

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 18.—Seven  
persons were killed and 19 injured  
today when a street car with about 20  
passengers aboard, went through the  
Division street bridge over the Spo-  
kane river. The killed were in the  
car more than an hour after it went  
into the river. The injured were re-  
moved to a hospital.

Two street cars were on the bridge  
at the time of the accident. They  
were owned by the Washington Water-  
power company. One of the cars was  
leaving the bridge when the whole  
structure collapsed. One end of this  
car fell to the water and the other  
rested on the abutment. The car crew  
and two passengers were rescued un-  
injured.

## NOTED CRIMINAL DOUBLE CROSSED?

Man With International Record as  
Safe Blower Shot by Auto Band-  
its in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Frank  
Smith, said by the police here to be  
known in Europe and America as the  
greatest safe blowing criminal of both  
continents, was shot and fatally  
wounded last night in the entrance to  
a basement saloon. After the shoot-  
ing Smith's assailants escaped in an  
automobile.

Smith is said to have served six  
penitentiary terms and to have broken  
jail twice. The identification was  
made early today by the police.

## ST. LOUIS TO GET MUNICIPAL DOCK

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—An ordi-  
nance authorizing the construction of  
a municipal dock costing \$285,000 was  
passed unanimously by the board of  
aldermen of St. Louis last night. The  
chairman of the committee which pre-  
sented the bill, though he had origi-  
nally opposed the measure, asked the  
board to present the dock ordinance to  
the city as a Christmas gift.

The ordinance provides \$250,000 for  
a concrete dock and \$35,000 for load-  
ing machinery. It is expected the  
dock will be completed by next spring.  
A recent newspaper canvass among  
local firms indicated that at least 200-  
000 tons of freight would be offered for  
river shipment annually at St. Louis.

## Wins Rhodes Scholarship.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Robert  
M. Stephenson of Rockford, Ill., has  
been awarded the Rhodes scholarship  
for Indiana. It was learned today.  
Stephenson was given the scholarship  
for work he did three years ago while  
a student at De Pauw university. He  
now is teaching in a private school in  
San Francisco.

## Export Oil Up Another Notch.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Standard  
Oil company of New York today an-  
nounced an advance of one cent a gal-  
lon in all grades and packages of  
gasoline for export.

## THE WAR TODAY

A call to the colors of four  
classes of recruits who enlisted  
under the Earl of Derby's plan to  
solve Great Britain's recruiting  
problem is taken by the British  
public to mean that the plan has  
been a success and that there will  
be no conscription for the present  
at least.

The Bulgarian army which is  
resting on the Serbo-Greek frontier  
is estimated to number 100,000,  
a Saloniki dispatch states. Some  
correspondents there believe the  
Bulgarians' limit is only temporary  
and that they will cooperate with  
Austro-German forces in a move-  
ment on Saloniki which the en-  
tente allies are fortifying rapidly.  
Premier Radoslawoff of Bulgaria is  
quoted by a German correspondent  
as declaring that Bulgaria would  
fight on Greek territory only with  
the guarantee to Greece that the  
Bulgarians would retire to their  
home soil after accomplishing the  
task of driving the entente allies  
out of Saloniki.

A dispatch from Berne advances  
the belief of a military writer there  
that a Teutonic move against Sa-  
loniki will be instituted if the cen-  
tral powers do not secure from  
Greece guarantees that the allies  
will be confined to their Saloniki  
camp.

Work on the preparation of a  
second note to Austria-Hungary  
on the Ancona case was begun by  
President Wilson in Washington  
today.

## POLICE TAKE FOUR TEUTON PLOT AGENTS

Higher-Ups in Plan to De-  
stroy United States Wa-  
terways Are Arrested.

ONE DETECTIVE HEAD

Koenig Is Said to Control the  
German Secret Service  
in This Country.

New York, Dec. 18.—Charged with  
conspiracy in a military enterprise to  
destroy the Welland canal, the Cana-  
dian waterway which connects Lake  
Erie and Lake Ontario, three men are  
under arrest here, while a fourth is  
in the custody of government authori-  
ties. Those under arrest are: Paul  
Koenig, formerly head of the bureau  
of investigation of the Hamburg-  
American line, who it is charged had  
been at the head of the German secret  
service in the United States since the  
beginning of the war, Richard Leyn-  
decker, a retailer of art goods in this  
city, a naturalized American, alleg-  
ed to have been employed by Koenig  
and Frederick Metzler of Jersey City,  
reported to have been a clerk in the  
offices of the Hamburg-American line  
and secretary to Koenig.

## One Gives Evidence.

The fourth man, held in custody, is  
George Fuchs, who was formerly in  
Koenig's employ and who has given  
the authorities valuable information.  
So far as known he is not alleged to  
be a party to any conspiracy.

The purpose of the alleged attempt  
to block the canal, was it is charged,  
to prevent the movement of supplies  
down the great lakes and through the  
Welland canal and St. Lawrence river  
to the entente allies.

The names of workers in San Fran-  
cisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit,  
Boston and other cities are said to have  
been discovered among documents  
seized by the authorities in a raid up-  
on the offices of Koenig and Leyn-  
decker.

## Actions Attracted Notice.

The penalty for the crime charged  
in this case is three years in prison or  
\$3,000 fine or both. Koenig came into  
public notice last June when the af-  
favit of Gustav Stahl, averring that he  
saw cannon on board the steamship  
Lusitania before she sailed on her fatal  
voyage, was submitted to the state de-  
partment. It was Koenig who notified  
the government authorities that Stahl  
could be found at Albany.

## Bank Clerk Arrested.

New York, Dec. 18.—Detectives fol-  
lowing the trail of plotters seeking to  
destroy ships bearing ammunition to  
the allies today arrested Frederick  
Schleindl, a clerk in the National City  
bank, whom they charge with larceny  
of documents, cablegrams and mes-  
sages which, it is alleged, he turned  
over to representatives of the German  
government.

## In Kaiser's Employ?

The documents, the detectives say,  
gave information as to which ships  
bore ammunition across the seas.  
Schleindl is also alleged to have given  
information to the German representa-  
tives as to what firms were manufac-  
turing war supplies in this country and  
also to the amounts of money placed  
in certain banks to the credit of the  
allies. Schleindl was taken to police  
headquarters for further examination.  
Schleindl, detectives said, confessed

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## BLACK HANDERS THREATEN BANKER

Is Ordered to Tender \$5,000 or Be Pre-  
sented With His Daughter's  
Head.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 18.—The  
receipt of a black hand letter demand-  
ing \$5,000, with the alternative of  
finding his daughter's severed head at  
his door and his grand daughter slain,  
last night led V. S. Wardlaw, president  
of the Exchange State bank, to make  
a midnight trip in an automobile  
along an unfrequented road in the sub-  
urbs.

Wardlaw carried no money on the  
trip and was guarded by police scat-  
tered in the neighborhood as the local-  
ity in which to leave the \$5,000. No  
arrests were made. Wardlaw's daugh-  
ter is a leader in the younger social  
set here.